garding sinking down of DDA flats in Delhi; if so, what steps have been taken to redress the same ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : Yes, Sir.

Such complaints were last received from Maurya Enclave, Pitampura on the 7th May. Senior Officers of DDA visited the site the same day and also subsequently. Lt. Governor, Delhi, personally inspected the site on the 10th May. Settlement had occurred near the 20 ft. deep sewer line constructed by DDA during the years 1975-78, which runs at a distance of aro und 3 ft. from the plot. In house No. KP-283, a part of front compound wall had Settled by 3" there was settlement of floor in the front setback and some cracks in the walls. Reasonable compensation has been promised to the owner of the house who has been advised to keep DDA informed of the repair works being carried out by him.

Survey report on construction workers

*358 SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent survey Report on construction workers specially the plight of women workers, conducted by the Directorate of labour Bureau ;

(b) if so, what are the main features of the report; and

(c) whether Government propose to implement the various labour laws including the Equal Remuneration Act for the construction workers and if so, by when ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) to (c) The Labour Bureau under the Ministry of Labour had conducted a Survey to Study the Socio-Economic Conditions of Women Workers in the Building and Construction Activities in the four metropolitan cities of Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras. The main features of the report include instances of violation of Labour Laws such as Equal Remuneration Act, 1976, Minimum Wages Act, 1948 and various welfare measures provided in Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970 etc. The report generally observes that the working conditions of women workers were adverse compared to those of male workers. Absence of legislative provisions for safety, health and welfare of construction workers including those relating to maternity benefits for female construction workers too has been high lighted in the report. The State Governments are being advised to take note of the observations in the report and to ensure proper enforcement of all Labour Laws concerning the unorganised labour.

Sugar cane development scheme in Uttar Pradesh

*359. KUMARI ALIA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to start the Sugar Cane Development Scheme in Faizabad and other district of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the scheme is proposed to be taken up;

(c) the details of the financi assistance to be provided dural 1990-91 for the purpose; and in

(d) if no assistance has been provided so far, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.

(d) Since there is no Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Sugarcane Development, the question of providing assistance does not arise.

Schemes for the welfare of working women in Metropolitan cities

*360. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several measures have been taken for the welfare of working women living alone in Metropolitan cities;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have made available adequate hostel accommodation to the working women in the Metropolitan cities;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) if the reply to part (c) above be in the negative, what steps Government propose to take for providing accommodation to the working women in the Metropolitan cities ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PAWAN) : (a) to (e) A Scheme of Assistance for Construction/Expansion of Hostel Building for Working Women with a Day-Care Centre for Children launched in the Central Sector in 1972-73 is being implemented in various parts of the country including Metropolitan Cities. The scheme aims at providing accommodation to single working women whether unmarried, widowed, separated, divorced, married when husband is out of town and to women under training for employment purposes. Such single working women, whose consolidated income does not exceed Rs. 2500/- per month are eligible for hostel accommodation for a period of three years, extendable upto five years. Since the inception of the Programme, the projects sanctioned with their capacities in Metropolitan Cities are as under :

S. No.	Name of City	Number Hostels	Sanctioned Capacity	
			Working Women	Children in Day-Care Centre
1.	Bombay	17	1,412	104
2.	Calcutta	6	368	60
3.	Delhi	14	1,593	129
4.	Madras	16	731	80

2. A provision of Rs. 6 crores has been made to start 70 additional hostels to provide accommodation to 3,500 working women in the Budget Estimates for 1990-91. However, the location of projects is not predetermined under the scheme and projects are sanctioned on receipt of proposals from the voluntary and other eligible organisations through the concerned State Government/ Union Territory Administration.

Renovation of Vigyan Bhawan

@1766. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 33 given in the Rajya Sabha on the

@Previously Unstarred Question 844 transferred from the 16th May, 1990.